

Despite the rain and the shortened Frosh week Shinerama was a success



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in frosh activities even if they did not want to. This year all students "have the right to opt out" of any events they choose.

Frosh week is traditionally a time to get acquainted with the campus, the city, and each other. The fast pace of events of this year's Frosh Week has meant that many students haven't had the time to settle into their new homes, despite residences opening earlier. Gagliardi said, "They dropped their

bags and went straight to the opening ceremonies."

The schedule change has had other repercussions as well. Since many summer jobs finish around the Labour day weekend, the early start has forced many students to leave their jobs early. Off-campus students also have had less time to find housing.

"We moved events around to respect the Thursday and Friday class days, but that's the only changes made" said Carmen Barteaux, VP Community Affairs. "We made up for the cramped schedule with more spirit."

Some students were reeling still. Brian Joudrey, a first year Computer Science student said, "Meeting all the people and getting familiar with the university is difficult because events are going on all night; half of us are burnt out already."

With all the pressures of starting university and moving into a new city, frosh week serves a valuable purpose for the university community. Gagliardi says that there shouldn't be classes during frosh week, particularly for frosh leaders and organizers. "It would be more humane to give us a couple of days off before classes start."

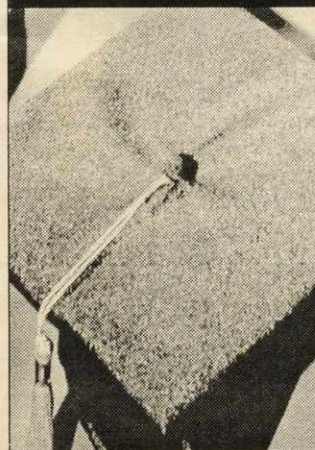


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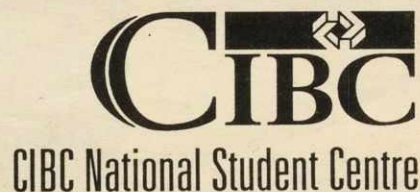
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